



Letter Head of School

You often hear me talk about how, here at SCCS, we teach from a Biblical worldview. I wanted to take this opportunity to explain that a little more. When I speak to our school's Biblical worldview, I am referring to the deeper concept of *paideia* – the term actually used in the Bible. The idea of *paideia* can be found in Deuteronomy 6 and Ephesians 6, where we see the early Christian call for fathers to raise their children in the *paideia* of God. Different translations call this “education” or “training” or “fear” or “admonition” or a number of other English words. Translations vary because there is no word that directly translates from “*paideia*” in the Greek language.

The Association of Classical Christian Schools, the organization that accredits SCCS, says that, “*Paideia* is at one level, the transfer of a way of viewing the world from the teacher to the student. At another it shapes and forms the child in terms of his or her desires, passions, and loves. Put yet another way, *paideia* is a description of the values we actually love, the truth we actually believe, and what we assume about the nature of our world.”

We here at SCCS intentionally reinforce a Christian *paideia*. We encourage our students to place their hope in Jesus Christ, in and for all things. We encourage them not to compartmentalize their faith but to look through the lens of Christianity at everything. We encourage them to think Biblically and teach them to love that which Christ loves and to hate what He hates. We want our students to be prudent and to labor diligently and with fortitude. We encourage our students to love justice and to temper that love with grace. Above all, we teach our students that they must love -- our God first and then our neighbors. Why do we push such a Biblical *paideia*? Simply because then, and only then, will our students' faith and hope become salty, influencing the world around us. This is the *paideia* we teach because it cultivates our students' affections toward rightly ordered virtue in the soul. It is the kind of teaching, I believe, that brings the most glory to our God.

If you know of any family with children that hungers for a deeper connection to their Christian faith, tell them about the Biblical *paideia* we teach our students here at SCCS and encourage them to enroll. No other school in the area puts Christ as supreme in all they do like Sandhills Classical Christian School!